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For: "System And Method For Providing Defect Printability Analysis of Photolithographic Masks With Job-Based Automation"

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Date: June 29, 2005

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	LARGE ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total 49	Minus 60	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0	
Indep. 3	Minus 4	= 0	x \$200 =	\$0	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$360 =	\$0	
			Total		
			Addit. Fee	\$0	

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application. Applicant confirms the election of Group I, Claims 1-49. Claims 50-60 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 4, 6-10, 13-14, 22-23, 25, 27-31, 34-35, 43, 45-46, and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,802,045 (Sonderman). Claims 2-5, 19, 24-26, 39, 41-42, and 44-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Sonderman in view of Avant!... Solutions & Products (Avant!), Taurus-Lithography, 2/22/01, pp. 1-3, or Data-Format-Bo3.pdf (Sematch). Claims 11-12, 20-21, 32-33, 40, 47, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious

over Sonderman. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Sonderman in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0133369 (Pack) or U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0161525 (Bruce). Claim 16-18, 36-38, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Sonderman in view of U.S. Patent 6,498,867 (Potucek).

Claim 1 is amended herein to correct a minor error.

Paragraph [0001] of the Specification is amended herein to correctly state the priority claim.